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# **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**



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## ***What are Special Collections?***

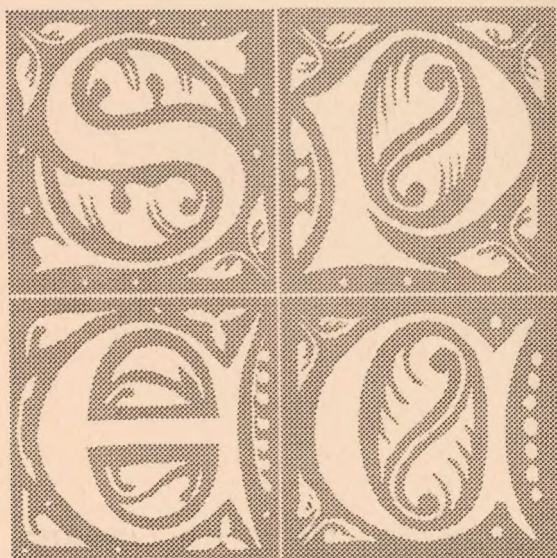
Welcome to Concordia University Libraries' Special Collections in the Vanier and Webster Libraries. The collections include materials ranging from antique maps and atlases, rare books, manuscripts, and Concordia graduate theses to unique collections on particular authors or subjects.

The Special Collections house materials requiring careful handling in a controlled environment. Among the criteria for inclusion in Special Collections are the items' scarcity, fragility, age or exceptional craftsmanship. Materials are kept in a supervised area to ensure their preservation.

Faculty, staff, students, and researchers must consult most materials in the Special Collections areas; borrowing is not permitted. Photocopying is permitted depending on the condition of the materials.

## ***What can you find?***

Both Special Collections include materials covering a wide range of disciplines. Some of the more significant items you will find include: a 15th century French Book of Hours, a 16th century Italian Bible, facsimile editions of the *Domesday Book* and the *Book of Kells*, and *Lives of the Poets*, a portfolio of poems of Canadian authors with accompanying portraits.



## ***Webster Library***

Webster Special Collections is housed in an area where environmental conditions are monitored to ensure stable temperature and humidity. Browsing of the collection is not permitted. Users are requested to observe the rules posted in the Special Collections area. Some of the strengths of the collection are:

### ***Concordia Theses & MBA Papers***

A copy of all theses and MBA papers prepared by graduate students at Concordia University is kept in Special Collections. The library maintains two copies of theses. The copy kept in Special Collections is always available for consultation and may be taken into other areas of the library.

### ***Layton Collection***

The collection comprises published works, many original manuscripts, and lifetime correspondence of the poet Irving Layton. In addition, there are some notebooks, audio and video tapes of public appearances, photograph albums, newspaper clippings, and various personal memorabilia.

### ***James Card Collection***

International in scope, this collection includes approximately 120 general, technical and biographical works dealing with the history of film from the silent era to the 1960's. Most works are in English with some German, French, Spanish and Swedish titles.

### ***Antique Maps***

Approximately 80 ancient maps, mostly early cartographers' depictions of Upper and Lower Canada, the Saint Lawrence River, and the East Coast of North America, make up this collection.

### ***Quinn Collection***

Canadian political pamphlets covering the period from the 1930's to the mid-1970's are contained in this collection. The pamphlets present the platforms and agendas of a dozen Canadian political parties as well as several foreign parties.

### ***Collection Adrien Arcand***

Clippings of newspaper articles about Arcand, copies of his periodical *Serviam*, photocopies of letters, in English and French, regarding the activities of Arcand's political party, the National Unity Party of Canada, are included in this collection.

### ***Christopher Fry's Works***

The first editions of most of the British playwright's works can be found. Also included is original correspondence between Fry and his biographer, Derek Stanford, and some of Stanford's notebooks and photographs.



## ***Vanier Library***

The Vanier Special Collections are maintained in a closed room. Noteworthy items include early issues of the world's first science fiction magazine "*Amazing Stories*", various materials relating to socialist and communist parties in South Africa during the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's, and documents tracing the history of Loyola College over the years. Some of the more important collections are:

### ***Masonic Collection***

Donated by Reverend W. Hannah, this collection includes over 500 books and articles on the history and rituals of this subject.

Official or authentic versions of Masonic degrees and orders, books on occultism, and materials on the history of secret societies and Freemasonry can be found. Coverage includes Great Britain, North America and Europe.

### ***Hillaire Belloc***

This collection consists of some 255 monographs by and about the noted British writer and poet. It includes first editions and limited editions of his poems, essays, biographies, histories, novels, satires and light verse.

### ***McGee Collection***

This includes some letters and books by, as well as biographies of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, journalist, poet, politician, and one of Canada's Fathers of Confederation. The collection also features a large number of books dating from the mid-19th and early 20th centuries about the Irish in Europe and in North America. The majority of these books are part of the circulating collection.

### ***Participation Québec***

Participation Québec, a public interest group formed in 1976 and active until 1981, dedicated itself to increasing non-francophone involvement in Quebec society. This collection consists of letters, reports, briefs submitted to various groups, newspaper clippings and other documents recounting the work of this organization.

### ***Rudnyckjy Archives***

This collection of books, pamphlets, and unpublished papers relating to the 1963-71 Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism has been donated by Professor J. Rudnyckjy. Also included are items dealing with bilingualism and multiculturalism with an emphasis on Ukrainian Quebec groups.

### ***Where can you find out more?***

Some of the materials kept in the Vanier and Webster Special Collections are listed in CLUES, the library's online catalogue. You can access CLUES from terminals in the libraries or computers with a modem from your office or home. Some pre-1974 works in the Webster collection may not be listed in CLUES; they can be found through the card catalogue in the Webster Library Reference area. Finding aids for some of the collections are available for consultation in the two Special Collections areas. Staff are available to assist you during designated hours.

### ***When can you use Special Collections?***

Access to Webster Special Collections, during the service hours posted for that collection, can be arranged at the Government Publications Information Desk. Arrangements to use Vanier Special Collections can be made at the Vanier Reference Office (VL-121) Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm



### ***Where can you find us?***

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